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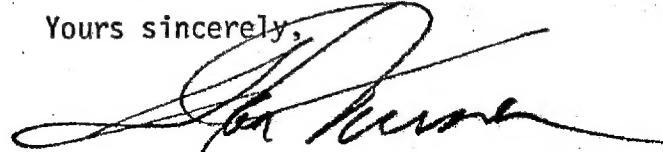
We are so pleased to learn that you have accepted the appointment as National Intelligence Officer for Conventional Forces. I would have been in touch with you earlier about this opportunity, but deferred to a request from the Pentagon that I await their initial contacts through military channels.

I attach great importance to the NIO post you will fill. It is a significant and major one for which I sought a topnotch candidate. I was impressed with your combination of academic and practical experience. I am convinced that your distinguished military career, including your current assignment, will bring special insights and abilities to your new role as an NIO. Bob Bowie, my Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment with whom you will be working closely on a day-to-day basis, tried to contact you [REDACTED] last week. He [REDACTED] was unable to reach you, but left a message with your office.

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We look forward to your arrival. If I may be of any help in answering questions or moving you into your new assignment, let me know.

Yours sincerely,



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